

**Notice of Allowability**

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/20/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7,9 and 11-19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Anderson on 3/16/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3, line 9: after "address", the following language has been inserted: -- wherein the terminal location database is a separate wirelessly communicating entity than the wireless terminal and the destination wireless terminal --.

Claim 12, line 8: after "the destination wireless terminal", the following language has been inserted: -- based on the position information of the destination mobile wireless terminal provided by the terminal location database, wherein the terminal location database periodically broadcasts a position and address of the terminal location database, wherein the terminal location database is a separate wirelessly communicating entity than the wireless terminal and the destination wireless terminal --.

Claim 13, line 8: after "the destination wireless terminal", the following language has been inserted: -- based on the position information of the destination wireless terminal provided by the terminal location database --.

Claim 13, line 10: after “the terminal location database”, the following language has been inserted: -- , wherein the terminal location database is a separate wirelessly communicating entity than the wireless terminal and the destination wireless terminal --.

Claim 18, line 16: after “the desired position”, the following language has been inserted: -- , wherein the terminal location database periodically broadcasts a position and address of the terminal location database, wherein the terminal location database is a separate wirelessly communicating entity than the wireless terminal and the destination wireless terminal --.

Claim 19, line 16: after “the desired position”, the following language has been inserted: -- wherein the terminal location database periodically broadcasts a position and address of the terminal location database, wherein the terminal location database is a separate wirelessly communicating entity than the wireless terminal and the destination wireless terminal --.

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10 and intervening claim 8. Thus claims 1 and 17 are now allowable with the reason set forth in the previous office action.

Claims 4-5, 9, 11, 15-16 depend on claim 1. Thus, they are allowable.

Regarding claim 12, the cited prior arts, either alone or in combination, fail to teach control direct communication between the wireless terminal and the destination wireless terminal based on the position information of the destination mobile wireless terminal provided by the terminal location database, wherein the terminal location database periodically broadcasts a position and address of the terminal location database, wherein the terminal location database is

a separate wirelessly communicating entity than the wireless terminal and the destination wireless terminal, in combination with all of other limitations in the claim.

Claim 14 depends on claim 12. Thus, it is allowable.

Claims 2-3, 6-7, 13 were previously allowed.

New claim 18 corresponds to allowable claim 4 rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1.

Claim 19 corresponds to a combination of claim 17 and allowable dependent claim 4.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7845. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H. Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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